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Attorney's Docket No. 021565-075

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of )  
Frank MEULEWAETER et al ) Group Art Unit: 1635  
Application No.: 09/551,494 ) Examiner: J. Epps  
Filed: April 18, 2000 )  
For: METHODS AND MEANS FOR )  
DELIVERING INHIBITORY RNA TO )  
PLANTS AND APPLICATIONS )  
THEREOF )

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- [ ] A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- [ ] A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for [ ] \$55.00 (248) [ ] \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- [ ] Also enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_.
- [ ] Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- [ ] Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [ ] \$370.00 (279) [ ] \$740.00 (179) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- [ ] Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_\_, on \_\_\_, for which continued examination is requested.
- [ ] Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_\_, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- [ ] A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.
- [ ] No additional claim fee is required.

An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

A M E N D E D C L A I M S					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims	54	MINUS 52 =	2	× \$18.00 (103) =	\$36.00
Independent Claims	6	MINUS 6 =	---	× \$84.00 (102) =	
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (104)					
Total Amendment Fee					
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					<b>\$36.00</b>

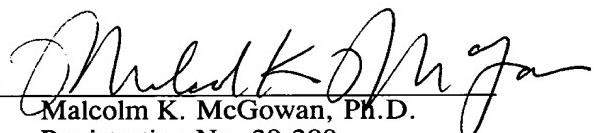
A claim fee in the amount of \$ 36.00 is enclosed.

Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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**REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed September 19, 2001, please amend  
the above-cited application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 5-6 with the paragraph below:

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/219,314,  
*(BS)* filed April 20, 1999, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.